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## Lost Grace

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For Heaven's sake...!  
Let me not answer weird questions  
How do you do..? What about this and that?  
Let you call, am worn out or a wily brat  
For am torn, running from pillar to post  
Chasing the dreams or a fancied ghost  
Of a cause, a craze, with a bovine look  
A mannered machine or a phlegmatic brook  
For a while; let me breath free  
Stoic though, let me count the fallen tree.

Let the Bereaved wings smoothen fast  
Visit the backyard, map the trodden track  
Let me resurrect the cornered sketch  
Framed smiles long chaplet wrap  
Fondly ask; how they colored, times spent  
A pink, a red or the seven shed  
Do they revere or repent now  
Shall surely seek; an answer somehow.

Let me look at the tiny tots  
A babe, a toddler, a stripling adult  
Wanton shrills may assuage a while  
Icy moments and pleasure juvenile  
Remind me of the evening flock  
A shout, a scream, or run amok  
A frog, a freak or a queer move  
Let me hide, at the orchard groove.

Shall tell them life's lessons learnt  
Of friends, of foes, and fingers burnt  
A trial, a taste, when tumbled hard  
Of clustered deceit, a crafty niggard  
Swanky Swarm of modish beau  
Perfidious smiles carry poison new

Let me return to the lane forlorn  
Have a sit under the tree banyan  
Grey hounds with tripod wise  
Shall soak under the moonlit night  
Find the friends old but new  
Open my heart for moments few  
Shall share the story untold yet  
Life's misery and the endless wait

Let me find fun in the boughs broken  
Fishing net or in cork wooden  
Stumps made of bamboo sticks  
Slider spin or sandy sleek  
All I can shall do again  
Roll and rise and fall and feign  
The sacred soil's clarion call  
Let me fill the weathered hall  
Evening 'kirtan' the 'Mandi' space  
Let me re-collect the lost grace  
That's the place of sublime solace  
Let me find the lost grace.

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